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**JFK and NK:** In the war of vocables between the US President and the Soviet dictator, the former's literary skill increases, but not his diplomatic effectiveness; and the latter is the only thing that counts in such a hassle. So say foreign policy experts who score the shots in the Capital.

It's not a question of whether Kennedy's remarks to the press last week were or were not the "firmest" so far. It's a question of why the President and his diplomatic advisers stopped short of making public the "most effective" proposal for solving the Berlin crisis. By "effective" is meant language which offers the best enduring solution not only to "check points" to the beleaguered city, or the East German Government problem, etc., but to the whole status of divided Germany.

Kennedy talked vaguely of "self-determination," but he failed to go "all the way."

Senator Styles Bridges (N.H.), the senior Republican of the body which is supposed to "advise" (as well as "consent" to) Executive decisions, in an exclusive interview with HUMAN EVENTS, puts forward what the Editor of HUMAN EVENTS considers the most constructive move that the President can make. "Self-determination," said Bridges, "is a term rather discredited since the First World War, and especially since the recent explosions in Africa where 'cannibal' states are claiming self-determination."

Asks the New Hampshire Senator: "Why not demand, as the irreducible minimum of US terms, the holding of a carefully supervised plebiscite of all Germany, both West and East, so that the inhabitants of all pre-1939 German territory can freely express their preference—do they want the division as now exists, or do they want a united Germany?"

*The Senator went on: "The problem isn't merely Berlin or who controls the routes into that city. The aching problem is really the separation, against their will, of the inhabitants of East Germany from free West Germany."*

Would East Germans vote for such union? "All signs so indicate," says Bridges. "Four thousand East Germans flee to free West Germany every week." Would Khrushchev accept the offer of such a plebiscite? "Naturally, he would not. But in the diplomatic struggle he would lose a big propaganda round by turning down such an offer. Meanwhile, the West would have strengthened its diplomatic position in the overall world picture, and that—not Berlin—is what Khrushchev has on his mind.

"I believe," continues Bridges, "that then Khrushchev would turn and try to press on some other sector of the world perimeter—maybe the Near East, or Asia, or Africa. And we could then, reinforced by diplomatic victory in Germany, stand firmer elsewhere. After all, as the Kennedy Administration has intimated, it's going to be a continuing struggle all over the world."

**Defeat for Collectivism:** The New Frontier suffered what may prove to be its first major legislative defeat last week, when the Congressional Agriculture Committees rejected the Administration's farm program. Farm observers believe this action ends chances of success—at least for this year—for the ambitious attempt by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to place American agriculture in a strait jacket and to make every farmer a ward of centralized government.

The Freeman blueprint for collectivized agriculture was first thoroughly exposed and condemned by HUMAN EVENTS in its May 12 article, "Freeman's Farm Program: A Socialist Strait Jacket." The HUMAN EVENTS expose struck fire among farm groups and soon was selling in the hundreds of thousands of copies all over the country. More than three score daily newspapers reprinted the article in whole or in part.

Farm organizations, led by the American Farm Bureau Federation, rallied to defeat the bill, and their protests filled the hearing rooms on Capitol Hill in recent weeks. A fortnight ago, HUMAN EVENTS reported that Freeman and his apparatus were set back on their heels, then readjusted their strategy and planned only to get through an apparently watered-down version of their original blatant proposal, while actually retaining the iron controls of the original bill.

Reportedly the Secretary talked indiscreetly about this change in approach. Protests mounted and Freeman, now very much alarmed, had to cancel a speech scheduled for Ames, Iowa, so he could stay in Washington by the sickbed of his legislative child. Finally, last week the Senate Agriculture Committee took the lead and struck out Title I, known familiarly as the "guts" of the Freeman scheme; the House Committee acted similarly.

**Protesting farm groups, such as the Farm Bureau Federation, are jubilant. They think it unlikely that anything resembling the Omnibus Freeman Farm Bill will pass Congress during the rest of the session.**



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Three Southern Democrats on the Agriculture Committee joined with solid GOP opposition to scuttle the Freeman legislation. On other socialistic measures in the past two months, the Administration has been able to achieve victory by patronage and pressure, applied especially to Southern Democrats. On the Freeman bill, an aroused Congress thwarted the whip-cracking lobbyists from the White House. This augurs well for a revival of the "Old Coalition" of North-South conservatives, who, in former years, blocked socialistic and wild-spending legislation.

Already there is speculation that it will be Secretary Freeman, not Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall (now in disgrace for exerting undue pressure in the sale of tickets to a $100-a-plate Democratic dinner), who will be the first Kennedy cabinet member to "walk the plank."

**Fireworks About the UN?** Certain members of Congress, including some on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, are much concerned about the legal status of the United Nations' residence in New York—according to reliable information received by HUMAN EVENTS. Unaccountably, it now appears (as a result of some delving by those members of Congress) that the "Headquarters Agreement Treaty," which was authorized by a joint resolution of Congress in 1947, was never actually submitted in its original form to UN authorities.

*Significantly, almost all of the Treaty's Annex II (which guaranteed to the US the right to protect its own national security) is the part that was deleted by persons unknown, before the Congress-passed Treaty was submitted to the UN. In protecting its security, the US must see that UN delegates and their staffs do not practice espionage or subversion on US soil.*

Members of Congress who have been investigating this weird situation conclude that (from the strictly legal point of view), since the entire Treaty as authorized by Congress was not submitted, then in fact and in law no Treaty was effected. Fireworks on this matter may soon explode in Congress, with many embarrassing questions asked of the State Department.

**What Happened in Minneapolis?** "A solid defeat for Nelson Rockefeller." Such is the verdict of Republican chieftains following the recent Young Republicans' National Convention in Minneapolis.

The New York Governor, who has arduously wooed the party's young people for the past several years, won the title of "convention villain" hands down.

**Mention of his name brought boos and laughter from the assembled delegates. Candidates for YR offices almost invariably disassociated themselves from his program.**

One candidate unable to do so effectively was Jean McKee, because she hails from New York. Miss McKee was beaten by Illinois conservative Pat Hutar in the race for Co-Chairman of the national organization.

Chosen head of the College Young Republicans was Northwestern University's Jim Harff, who triumphed over two liberal candidates for the post. "The conscience of a conservative," Harff said, "has certainly spoken at this convention."

A string of conservative victories was snapped with the election of Len Nadasdy as National Chairman. Nadasdy, thought to be a "moderate," won primarily because two Senator Barry Goldwater-type conservatives, openly endorsing the Arizonan's political views, stayed in the race almost until the very end. If they had joined forces early in the convention . . . .

Nadasdy, however, maintained that he was a staunch conservative and privately claimed to be a "Goldwater Republican." Although he received the votes of the New York delegation, he repeatedly rapped the programs of Nelson Rockefeller as "extreme."

The mood of the convention can be judged from the platform adopted by the 700 delegates. It supported nuclear test resumption, state right-to-work laws and a trade embargo of Red nations. It opposed Federal aid to education, Federally-administered health insurance and called for a total cut-off of US funds to the UN should Red China be admitted.

**China Sellout Attempt:** Last week the State Department took under serious consideration a proposal to give Red China equal representation with Nationalist China in the United Nations General Assembly.

The proposal, a so-called "fall-back" position by the State Department, is being considered on the ground that Red China's leaders would not accept the offer since they have said in the past they would not come into the UN as long as Nationalist China remains a member. What the State Department was obviously not considering is that this proposal might cause the voluntary departure of Nationalist China from the UN, since the Nationalist Chinese Government has said it would withdraw from the UN if Red China were ever admitted on any basis.

These sounds from State drew strong, no-nonsense criticism from GOP Senate Leader Everett Dirksen, who accused the State Department of "playing Russian roulette" with our China policy. He warned that, unless the Democrats act promptly to adopt a resolution opposing Red Chinese UN admission, the Republicans will attach the resolution to the foreign aid bill.

**Taft-Hartley:** Much hubbub and speculation concerning President Kennedy and the Taft-Hartley Act, in relation to the crippling maritime strike, recall some interesting history. As a Congressman, Kennedy joined others who described the Act as a "slave labor law" and repeatedly urged its repeal.



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On several occasions JFK, the legislator, opposed use of the Act's injunctive power—the very power he has now utilized as President. On June 26, 1952, for instance, Representative Kennedy voted against a resolution urging President Truman to use the Taft-Hartley Act to stop a serious steel strike. In 1959 Senator Kennedy rapped President Eisenhower for using the Act to end another steel strike. In October of that year, Kennedy blasted the law as a "one-sided tool" used against the steelworkers. He called Eisenhower's action "the most one-sided, unfortunate and unfair action in this Administration's history."

**JFK and the Press (cont.):** In a dispatch to the New York *Times* (June 29), which is slightly more plus than minus about the President, James Reston (head of the *Times* bureau in Washington) remarks in passing about Kennedy: "In these last seven weeks, he has had trouble in Cuba, Laos, Geneva, Berlin and Vienna. Somewhere along the way, he lost Henry Luce and various other publishers, and even *The Times* of London reported that his Administration was in 'disarray.'"

Reston goes on to report some jokes: "Even the humor in the Democratic cloakrooms on Capitol Hill has been running against him: Question: 'How's Kennedy doing?' Answer: 'I don't know, but I hear that *he's* beginning to demand a recount in California and Illinois.' Question: 'Have you heard the title of Kennedy's latest book?' Answer: 'Let's Get Going—Again!'"

In the same issue of the New York *Times*, the front page wirephoto of the President displays him as worried, somewhat pathetic and perhaps unwell.

**Foreign Aid Lobby:** Two weeks ago the Citizens' Committee for International Development was established at 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the purpose of selling Kennedy's foreign aid program.

Billed as a "citizens" committee, HUMAN EVENTS learned its formation was hardly a spontaneous venture. According to its executive director, John O'Shea, the committee was formed under White House direction after a New York *Times* article suggested such a committee was needed to combat so-called lobbies against foreign aid.

According to Congressman Otto E. Passman (D.-La.), chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Aid, the most significant lobby pressure is for, not against, foreign aid. It comes, he said, from "the 43,000 employees and 10,000 trainees of the mutual security program scattered in 76 nations of the world; the White House . . . ; the State Department . . . ; the Defense Department; scores of large manufacturers who profit from the program; church organizations; much of the press and radio; and literally hundreds of other organizations which have been misinformed."

**Rockefeller:** Nelson Rockefeller's decision not to criticize the New Frontier at the recent Governors' Conference in Honolulu stands in sharp contrast to the penetrating criticism of the Administration laid down by former President Eisenhower and other leading Republicans.

As has been his custom in the past, the New York Governor grabbed the spotlight at the meeting by holding the first press conference. He proceeded to call for "all of us, regardless of party" to back Kennedy's foreign policy and to stand behind JFK "in any decision he makes" pertaining to foreign affairs. These words had quite a different ring from those uttered by Richard Nixon at a Pennsylvania fund-raising dinner last week. The former Vice President unequivocally attacked Kennedy's mistakes regarding Laos and Cuba, saying that "we have never had an Administration which talked more courageously and acted more timidly and indecisively."

But what drew even greater GOP ire was Rockefeller's reluctance to tee off on the big-spend New Frontier domestic policies, which Ike has hammered at consistently in recent weeks. In refusing to criticize the avalanche of welfare state legislation which has gone before Congress this session, Nelson parts company with almost every figure in the GOP from the precincts to the Potomac.

**World Court:** HUMAN EVENTS learned last week that the government's chief foreign aid agency, the International Cooperation Administration, has given $200,000 to the American Bar Association's special committee on "World Peace Through World Law," which is conducting an international campaign to get the United States to accept compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court (International Court of Justice).

The purpose for which the money will be used, said the special committee's chairman, Charles Rhyne, is to promote a 104-nation conference, to include Soviet Russia and its satellites, which will attempt to find means of achieving "world law." The Ford Foundation has contributed $350,000 to the project.

**The obvious objective of the American delegation to the conference, which will be headed by Rhyne, is to propagandize all nations into accepting compulsory World Court jurisdiction.**

Rhyne is already on record as favoring repeal of the Connally Amendment, which reserves for the US the right to determine if a case involving this country is a proper matter for submission to the World Court.

Just two weeks ago in San Jose, Costa Rica, Rhyne's committee participated in a continental conference (billed as a forerunner to the world conference) which favored compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.

**DARRELL M. ANWAY, Regular Baptist Church, Lay Preacher, Indianola, Iowa:** "In a time when a lot of the news becomes slanted in many newspapers, it is good to receive news from a trustworthy paper such as HUMAN EVENTS."



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How the world conference might operate was foreshadowed at San Jose, when the conference there arrived at a "consensus" that the 44 delegates from 23 countries approved of mandatory World Court jurisdiction. Rhyne admitted to HUMAN EVENTS, however, that the so-called "consensus" was drawn up by only five delegates who were named as special committee chairmen. There was no floor vote.

**Aid to Education:** The economy bloc in Congress, fearing that the Federal aid-to-education bill may still be revived and passed, points out the following: H. R. 7300, the House version of Federal aid to education, as reported by the Committee on Education and Labor, provides nearly $2.5 billion.

Statistics compiled by the Committee and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States show that eight states would *lose* substantial amounts if the School Assistance Act of 1961 becomes law:

| State | Net Loss (Federal Aid less Estimated Tax Payments) |
|---|---|
| New York | $202,351,200 |
| California | 127,728,734 |
| Illinois | 83,711,406 |
| New Jersey | 55,740,053 |
| Pennsylvania | 47,674,664 |
| Massachusetts | 43,041,337 |
| Connecticut | 33,010,800 |
| Ohio | 28,718,755 |

A number of other states would suffer smaller losses.

**Featherbedding:** A blistering attack upon union featherbedding was issued recently from an unexpected source—the House of Labor. Declaring that "featherbedding is for the birds," union president Edward Swaybuck backed industry demands for increased automation and efficiency.

Swaybuck is president of Local 1, Amalgamated Lithographers of America. In advertisements placed by his union in three national magazines, Swaybuck explained his union's stand on automation and make-work:

"For 79 years now the Amalgamated Lithographers of America has vigorously fostered technological development. We have found over these four generations that if the lithographic industry brings down the product costs to the customer, more jobs are created for our members."

**Capitol Camera:** Despite much respect among the military for General Maxwell Taylor's ability, his appointment as White House special adviser is reportedly resented by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, not the least by their Chairman, General Lyman Lemnitzer, himself an Army man as is Taylor. Congress fears another internal snafu, if Taylor crosses up the JCS.

• *President's health—to those who see him in his office, he seems somewhat peppier, his color good, but (all agree) not healthy. Why not healthy? Some use the words: "puffy in the face," others say "bloated." All viewers speculate about whether he's not taking some drugs that give him this appearance.*

• Capitol Hill is now worried that President Kennedy will not resume nuclear testing until he finds out from a panel of experts whether the Russians are cheating on the test ban. Last week Kennedy announced he would set up a panel, selected by his 18-member Scientific Advisory Committee, to find out whether the Russians are cheating. This Committee is essentially the same one which urged Eisenhower to call off tests. It is now headed by Jerome B. Wiesner, who was elected chairman by a majority of the Committee's members despite Wiesner's outspoken stand against nuclear testing. (See HUMAN EVENTS, March 3, for more of Wiesner's views.)

• *Kennedy's withdrawal of appointment of Frank D. Reeves (a Negro he named as a District of Columbia Commissioner), because of last minute revelation of Reeve's tax delinquencies, has made the White House's face red. Point is made: Kennedy was so anxious to appoint a Negro that his aides skipped the usual procedure of checking on an appointee's record. Much credit to Carl Shipley, GOP District of Columbia leader, for his fight to bar Reeves.*

• Former President Eisenhower last week expressed hope that reform of the Electoral College would be forthcoming. He stated opposition to the "winner-take-all" system, whereby a candidate can carry a state by a slim margin yet collect all its votes in the Electoral College.

• *Representative John Ashbrook (R.-Ohio) has charged Uncle Sam with "playing the role of a real sucker in the United Nations." Ashbrook made his accusation when the Administration, after Congress refused to appropriate the necessary sum, coughed up $15 million for the Soviet share of the UN Congo operation. So far, the Russians have refused to pay their assessed share.*

• A new, unpublished manuscript, believed to have been written by Adolf Hitler, is to be printed soon by the Munich Institute of Contemporary History in Bavaria. Edited by Michigan University Professor Gerhard Weinberg, the original manuscript is now in the National Archives in Washington.

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*"By every step we make toward making this state a caretaker of our allies, by that much more do we move toward making that state our master."*

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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*About Dictatorships*

# America's Blind Spot

By Holmes Alexander

WITH an historian-statesman in the White House, it may not be fatuous to hope for the recognition of a great truth that concerns our age.

It is this—that the endless river of time does not run a straight course into the ocean of eternity. The river of time, like every other, follows its terrain and flows sometimes in one direction, sometimes in another, frequently through broad and pleasant meadows, often through terrifying, restrictive canyons where the raging torrent seems to be trying to destroy all within reach of its force.

I have never heard the politico-historical aspect of this truth expressed better than former Ambassador Robert Hill (R.-N.H.) did in recent testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

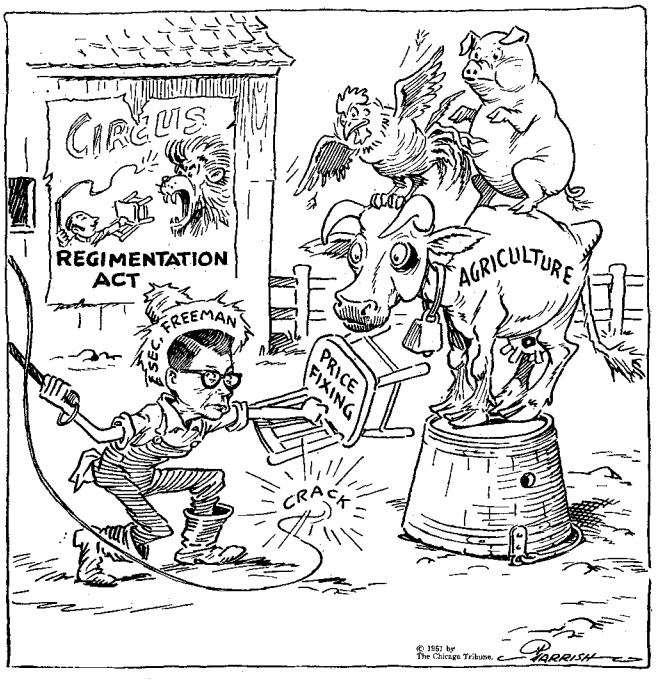
Mr. Hill was making the point (seldom accepted and infrequently expressed by public men and political writers) that on our stretch of the river there is a lot of difference between dictators of the right and dictators of the left. At this point in history, and from the American standpoint, it makes a lot of difference whether Cuba is ruled by a Batista or a Castro. It will make a lot of difference in our favor if the new Chang dictatorship in South Korea succeeds in putting down the corruption of the so-called "democrats." It begins to seem that we have made another sizable mistake in opposing the Portuguese dictatorship of Salazar in Angola.

At another time in history, at a sunnier and less torrential and tumultuous stretch of the winding river, the outlook would be different. But we are not being wise and prudent unless we realize that life is seldom lived by absolutes, and that our place in time has a lot to do with our judgments.

Ambassador Hill said all this in better and more practical terms. He told the Senators that he had seen in his experience "something equally as dangerous as dictators to our security in this Communist threatened world." He said he had in mind our American "blindness" to the fact that Democracy is a rare and precious thing, pretty well confined to the USA, Britain, Europe and the Commonwealth nations.

"The democratic way of life is an unusual phenomenon . . . ," Mr. Hill went on, "not necessarily translatable, at this particular time (of history), into the historical or economic conditions of other peoples . . . It should not be handed out to those who do not want it, or to the undeserving."

*BOY WITH CIRCUS FEVER*




Speaking specifically of Latin America, the broad-shouldered Ambassador, who was once a Dartmouth baseball captain and star pitcher, pointed out that the political culture grew from the heroic figure of the Conquistadores—"dictators among dictators . . . It will take years before that hero model of success in government disappears . . . We should not be so intolerant as to refuse to believe that some day history may tell us . . . they (the Latinos) had better instincts for the kind of government suited to their needs."

Our "blindness," in Mr. Hill's opinion, allows us to see virtue in nothing but our own kind of government and economics. Actually there was a lot of virtue in the Batista government which our State Department heedlessly overthrew, according to Mr. Hill's trenchant testimony. Batista failed at the end not because he was hard, but because he had become too soft. Many of the atrocities laid on his head were committed by Castro followers in borrowed uniforms, or by Cuban officers without authority in the passion of revenge. Batista and nearly all rightist dictators have tried to earn the good opinion of the Western Democracies, and for this reason we find them always experimenting in local elections, public welfare and courts of justice.

A few years ago it would have been futile for Mr. Hill to testify, or for me to write, in favor of giving the rightist dictators a chance. But the way the tide of history is running today, the Kennedy Administration would be wise to weigh very carefully the words of this experienced and thoughtful diplomat.

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# Discipline: The Cure for Juvenile Delinquency

By Paul Harvey

FOR THREE DECADES now, the mollycoddlers have had their way. "Progressive educationists," pleading that our school-age children must have "freedom to choose," have launched a generation of unguided missiles.

School-age children are not yet competent to choose! That is why they are in school; not to learn by trial and error, but to be taught by precept and example.

Yet when any school administrator dares to draw a line, enforce the rules, demand respect—in most communities he bucks a strong headwind.

For three years, the city of Albert Lea, Minnesota, has yielded what most communities would consider extraordinary authority to School Superintendent Lorne S. Ward.

Ward, a handsome hero of two wars, his first week on the new job, decreed an end to the long, duck-bill haircuts for boys.

**"We are trying to develop manly men, not girlish boys," the pink slip read. "You are herewith suspended from attendance at this school."**

The student was invited to re-instate himself by getting a haircut, or to bring his parents in for a conference.

The furore had not subsided from this edict before Superintendent Ward had issued another. Sagging blue jeans or skin-tight levis were banned.

"It is a state law," some irate parents protested, "that students can go to public school no matter how they dress . . ."

Superintendent Ward's automobile windshield was smashed with a rock. He received implied threats, orally and by mail.

But to the eternal credit of the local Tribune, the School Board, most parents *and most students*, Mr. Ward's judgment was upheld, applauded.

One letter to the editor read, ". . . I have a daughter . . . am glad to get a man with such fine principles and high ideals . . . We, as parents, will get down on our knees and thank God for sending such a man to our community."

Service clubs voted "our confidence in the new Superintendent."

Albert Lea public schools were probably no worse than most, but the point is that they are not *better than most.* Where schoolgirl pregnancies have reached epidemic proportions in many public schools, there has been none in Albert Lea since the plain-spoken Superintendent called two assemblies and personally addressed, first, girls and, then, boys on the subject of sex.

"You tell a girl you love her and then give her the worst problem a girl can have, you're not a lover—you're a liar!"

Another storm broke over Albert Lea. But from that day there have been no pregnancies in Albert Lea's public schools.

During the terrible days of a bitter six-month packinghouse strike when the city, even churches split up in feuding factions, Mr. Ward instructed all teachers, "You will not, repeat, *will not* discuss strike issues within hearing of your students. Neither will you permit students to discuss the matter during any period for which you are responsible."

Many brickbats were hurled downtown. Threatened workers' wives carried guns. But on school property, there was no violence.

Rejecting Federal aid to education because, "it will cause more inflation which, in turn, will cause more Federal aid, which, in turn, will cause more inflation . . ."

Daring to deny salary increases to "such teachers as do not merit a raise . . ."

Insisting, their union notwithstanding, that school custodians look "clean and neat" . . .

This extraordinary man has rekindled a sense of pride in faculty, employees, students and the community generally.

Again, the Lorne Wards are not possible without a School Board brave enough to buck the headwind with them . . .

But the results which I witnessed in Albert Lea are eminently worthwhile.

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## *A Self-Sacrificing Proposal*

Three Congressmen who publish weekly newspapers have introduced identical bills to end the "free in county" postal subsidy which newspapers have enjoyed since 1851. They are Republicans John M. Ashbrook and Charles A. Mosher of Ohio and Paul A. Findley of Illinois.

Except where letter carrier service is provided, newspapers for more than a century have had the privilege of mailing papers free to paid subscribers within the county of publication.

They said, "We invite our fellow newspaper publishers of America to take the lead in ending this and other federal subsidies. By clearing our own skirts of subsidies, we can more effectively lead the battle for sound fiscal policies in Washington."

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# Castro's Foulest Deed

By Victor Riesel

FIDEL CASTRO, with the iciness of those dedicated to refining man's inhumanity to man, is forcing workers and peasant families in Cuba to surrender their children to the Soviets for long brainwashing sojourns inside the Communist bloc.

Thousands of youngsters, some 11 and 12 years of age, some a few years older, already have been sent over. They have been flown into Prague and shipped by freighter to Odessa. At the moment a thousand are awaiting departure. There will be thousands more. Our government, and some civilians in the day-by-day battle against Castro, have concrete evidence of this shredding of families.

We know the routes. We don't know how long the children will be kept behind the Curtain. We do know that when the kids return, they will know Russian. They will be steeped in Marxism. They will be, many of them, disciplined Latin Komsomolites.

Their parents will not really ever know them again. They will not want to know their parents—if similar forced migration from European lands in the past is prelude.

Just recently our State Department officials learned that "1,000 young farm boys" are being prepared for shipment "in exchange for 300 Soviet agricultural technicians." These youngsters average 11 to 12 years of age.

This corroborated reports brought back from Latin America by Joseph Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO). When this reporter talked with Beirne shortly after his return to Washington, Beirne disclosed knowledge of shipment of additional thousands of Cuban youngsters.

"What isn't generally known, however," said Beirne, "is the biggest propaganda push of all by the Communists. In Cuba, the entire fourth grade of Castro's public school system has been sent to Russia for a year or more of teaching. Latin American experts tell me at least seven or eight thousand Cuban kids are now getting the Soviet story at their most impressionable age. They are apt to carry this spiritual distortion with them all the years of their life, regardless [of] what happens to Cuba in the future."

From other sources it was learned how the children are being transported. Some have gone via the Compania Cubana aircraft. Others on planes of a famed airline owned by a Western European country—not France. Others are flown over in bombers in which the Czech air force trains Cuban pilots. Still others are hustled quietly aboard scores of Soviet-bound freighters—some of them sailing under flags of other lands. Their processing center is Prague. Just where their final orientation centers are, no one yet seems to know.

No one now doubts that if broken campaign promises had any market value, the present Administration could pay off a substantial part of the National debt.

—Congressman J. Arthur Younger (R.-Calif.)

### *Ignoring One's Own Advice*

The doctrine of regulation and legislation by "master minds," in whose judgment and will all the people may gladly and quietly acquiesce, has been too glaringly apparent at Washington during these last ten years. Were it possible to find "master minds" so unselfish, so willing to decide unhesitatingly against their own personal interests or private prejudices, men almost godlike in their ability to hold the scales of Justice with an even hand, such a government might be to the interest of the country, but there are none such on our political horizon, and we cannot expect a complete reversal of all the teachings of history.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt,
as Governor of New York, March 2, 1930

# Two Strikes on Kennedy

From the New York Daily News

It now seems settled that the little Southeast Asian kingdom of Laos is to have a new government in which Communists will hold some Cabinet posts.

That means Laos is almost sure to be taken over by the Reds eventually. It also means that there are now two foreign-policy strikes on President Kennedy, who once wanted to be tough about Laos but was talked out of it.

The first strike scored on the President was when he pulled the airpower rug out from under the Cuban invaders, and thereby indefinitely postponed a deadly setback to Khrushchev's plans to communize the Western Hemisphere.

Our new Chief Executive is now moving toward his third chance to score a home run—a home run which might conceivably lead to eventual victory for the West in the whole cold-war ball game.

N. S. Khrushchev is steaming up the latest West Berlin crisis. Our homegrown appeasers, cowards and traitors are striving to talk Mr. Kennedy into weaseling, compromising and crawfishing on West Berlin, as on Cuba and Laos.

They are getting help from numerous Germany-hating Britons—though not, so far as appears on the surface, from the British Government.

There are reports that the President plans a show of force to call Khrushchev—probably by beefing up US troops in West Germany and in West Berlin itself. Certainly Secretary of State Dean Rusk talked recently as if the Administration had no faintest notion of trying to appease Khrushchev.

It is to be most earnestly hoped, we feel, that Kennedy will stick relentlessly to this hard line.

If he marches as close to the brink of war as may be necessary, there will probably be no war.

If he wavers or weasels in any way, the West will most likely lose West Berlin, and West Europe soon afterward. Then, the United States will face world communism with the odds heavily against us; the third and fatal strike will have been racked up on Kennedy; and he will rank in history somewhere below James Buchanan and Warren G. Harding, assuming we have any further history.



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# The Double Judicial Standard

By Andrew Avery

RARELY has a double standard been applied so rawly as in that amazing scene in the Supreme Court not so long ago when the Chief Justice of the United States tongue-lashed another Justice because of statements he made a moment earlier, in a dissenting opinion. For Chief Justice Warren himself had made even impoliter statements in some of his own dissents.

The Chief Justice accused Justice Felix Frankfurter of "degrading this court." A majority of the Justices had reversed the conviction of a man accused of murder. Three juries had rejected his insanity defense. Justice Frankfurter asserted that the man had received a fair trial. He charged the majority with "plucking out" of the record of the six-day trial an isolated and minor episode, on which to base a reversal.

Judges, according to Justice Frankfurter, are likely to find in the record "what the mind is looking for." He warned against "turning a criminal appeal into a quest for error." He called the decision "indefensible."

Strong language, certainly. And the Chief Justice used even stronger language in his immediate rebuttal. The Frankfurter dissent, he said, "is a lecture. This is a closing argument by a prosecutor to the jury. It is properly made, perhaps, in the conference room [of the court] but not in the courtroom. As I understand it, the purpose of reporting an opinion in the courtroom is to inform the public and is not for the purpose of degrading this court."

However, if Justice Frankfurter was "degrading this court" by calling a majority opinion "indefensible," hadn't the Chief Justice and some of his colleagues also been "degrading this court" by again and again making even more vigorous assaults on majority decisions?

This has been notably so in cases arising from investigations of the Communist conspiracy. For example, last November 14 the majority refused to set aside the conviction of Willard Uphaus in a New Hampshire court for refusing to answer questions by the Attorney General of the state about Communists who are alleged to have conferred in a summer camp he owns. Chief Justice Warren joined Justices Hugo L. Black and William O. Douglas in attacking the majority opinion.

They charged the majority with approving an "obvious" violation of the Constitution. The majority's "dismissal of this appeal . . . when the abridgment of the rights of free speech and assembly is so obvious," said the three dissenters, "is a sad indication of just how far this court has already departed from the protections of the Bill of Rights and an omen of things yet to come."

What was the "obvious" offense the majority had committed? They had simply ruled in a number of cases that the free speech clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution does not mean that anybody has an unlimited right to say anything he wishes at all times and in all places. For example, free speech does not mean that a man has the right to yell "Fire" in a crowded theater, or to organize a conspiracy for the violent overthrow of the government.

The founders of our Republic never dreamt of so absurd an interpretation of the Constitution. But the three dissenting justices are aflame with zeal for utterly unlimited speech. They accused the majority of upholding "direct abridgments of liberty." And they tragically warned that "it is time for all who cherish the liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights to look closely at the disastrous consequences upon those liberties which have resulted from the court's use" of a rule of reason in regard to free speech.

Again, on February 27 this year, a 5 to 4 majority of the court approved the convictions of Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden for refusing to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities whether they were members of the Communist party. Chief Justice Warren and Justices Black and Douglas said in one of the dissenting opinions in the Wilkinson case:

*"The majority by its decision today places the stamp of constitutional approval upon a practice as clearly inconsistent with the Constitution, and indeed with every ideal of individual freedom for which this country has so long stood, as any that has ever come before this court." They assailed the alleged "refusal of the majority" to apply the "basic principles of freedom" that are "embodied . . . in our Bill of Rights."*

In the Braden case the same day, the three Justices sounded an alarm to the country: "It is already past the time when people who recognize and cherish the life-giving and life-preserving qualities of the freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights can afford to sit complacently by while those freedoms are being destroyed by sophistry and dialectics."

All this was a far fiercer attack on the majority than Justice Frankfurter made afterwards when dissenting in a murder case. And the attacks by Chief Justice Warren, Black and Douglas were not made "in the conference room" of the Justices. They were made in open court. They were a public appeal to the "people" to wake up to the enormous and "obvious" wickedness of the majority, who were using "sophistry and dialectics" to destroy our freedoms (or at least the freedoms of Uphaus, Wilkinson, and Braden).

Who is "degrading this court"? When is it vicious to "degrade" the court and when is it virtuous? Chief Justice Warren was clearly acting as a censor. He was censoring an outspoken dissenter. He was taking the liberal position; that is, the self-styled liberals have the right to censor others, but must not themselves be censored. One of the most amazing aspects of the whole amazing episode is that the Chief Justice of the United States should be so open, so naked, indeed so naive in his public use of the double standard.



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# Our Great Retreat from the Red Menace

By Anthony T. Bouscaren

PERHAPS it is due to the aura of glamor surrounding the White House, perhaps it is the excellent public relations work of the Office of the White House, but whatever the reasons, the increasingly vulnerable stance of the Kennedy Administration in foreign policy remains largely uncriticized. The Castro blackmail of the United States Government in the matter of Cuban prisoners did trigger more critical comment of Kennedy-Eleanor Roosevelt-Walter Reuther-Milton Eisenhower than any other issue, but other issues have far greater importance for US national security interests.

It is incredible that the Soviets, who are 4,000 miles distant, were able to render greater and more effective aid to their puppets in Havana than the United States provided the Cuban Freedom Fighters in Florida, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico. The original plan for a landing in force in Cuba, which was inspired by Richard Nixon, called for air support and use of US forces as a backstop. It also provided for professional execution by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But after Adlai Stevenson and others had finished their hatchet job, the Freedom Fighters were forced to go it alone, and the plan was executed by campus cut-ups from the Central Intelligence Agency with hardly any consultation with the military.

Our failure to overthrow a Communist dictatorship 90 miles distant does not augur well for the future of freedom in East-Central Europe and East Asia. Nor will millions in economic aid or Adlai's good will visit cover up the magnitude of the disaster. Nothing short of a naval blockade followed by a Freedom Fighter invasion, including US forces as a backstop, can reverse the tide of events in the Caribbean.

But the Cuban fiasco is not the only one. In Laos the Kennedy Administration took the heart out of the anti-Communist Nosavan regime by insisting on a neutral government for Laos. Again, the Soviets sent more effective military aid to their friends than we sent to ours. Having passed up the opportunity to render SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) assistance to Nosavan and having rejected an anti-Communist solution in Laos, we then proceeded to capitulate to Russian-British pressures for a political conference, and for revival of the infamous "neutral nations" committee. After first announcing that we would not go to Geneva unless an effective cease-fire was proclaimed, we proceeded to capitulate a second time by starting negotiations in Geneva while the Communists continued their military advance. In Laos, as in Cuba, there is no substitute for an unequivocal anti-Communist policy supported by effective means.

In the Congo we are paying most of the bills for a United Nations force that continues to serve neutralist and Communist interests. This force in the past blocked efforts by Kasavubu to put down the pro-Communist rebellion, and now it is being used to eliminate the anti-Communist regime in Katanga province. Never has the UN force been used against the Gizenga Communist partisans.

In the UN, Stevenson equates half-baked African "nationalism" with the American Revolution, leading some to conclude George Washington had fought in behalf of the Indians. In the UN we vote with the Russians against the pro-western governments of South Africa and Portugal. Now our United States Information Service offices are not only being burned down in the neutralist countries, but in Belgium and Portugal as well. The irresponsible Stevenson proceeds with his disengagement from anti-Communist allies by stating that the admission of Red China to the UN is "inevitable."

*In Korea we insult patriotic and pro-US army officers who want to strengthen national security and stamp out corruption, and withhold recognition and aid because the new regime is not "democratic." Meantime we recognize and aid the pro-Communist dictatorships in Ghana and Guinea, and openly pro-Communist dictatorships in Poland and Yugoslavia. In the Dominican Republic we talk of using our armed forces to intervene against an anti-Communist regime only a few weeks after denying the use of US forces to the anti-Castro Freedom Fighters.*

We denounce the crimes of Eichmann, while the President hobnobs with an international gangster in Vienna and our Russian "experts" tell us that Khrushchev is rapidly becoming converted to humanism and Social Democracy. At the same time that we brush aside anti-Communist friends in Europe and in Asia, we solicit the advice of India's Nehru, and adopt a policy of almost unlimited economic aid to neutralist countries without reference to overall national security objectives and the fight against communism. Indeed the latter hardly seems to exist in the minds of many of the top Kennedy aides, such as Chester Bowles, who tell us that we must be "patient" with Castro, and that there will be "many more" Castros with whom we shall presumably have to be equally patient.

In short, the great retreat, commenced by FDR and stemmed but temporarily by John Foster Dulles in Guatemala, Quemoy and Lebanon, has been resumed.

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### *Udall Seeks More Power*

Secretary of the Interior Udall continues to get in hot water. Recently Kennedy's Treasury and State Departments complained Udall was usurping their authority by attempting to curtail oil imports from Mexico. As a Capitol Hill wag has put it, "Eisenhower had his U-2, and Kennedy has his Udall." —Clarence J. Brown (R.-Ohio)

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# 'Freedom' Riders

From the Chattanooga News-Free Press

Throughout the ugly activity of the bus-riding integrationist agitators who have been touring the South to cause trouble, and who have been illegally accommodated by some extremists, the Kennedy Administration has made great effort to make the public think it was not really behind the movement, even though President John Kennedy and Attorney General Bobby Kennedy violated Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution by sending nearly 700 US marshals on an invasion of Alabama without the Constitutionally required request from the Alabama Legislature or Governor.

Recently in Federal court in Birmingham, when John Seigenthaler, personal representative of Bobby Kennedy, was asked if the Federal Government had backed the CORE bus-riding agitators, he replied, "We have not."

But quite a different picture came from the testimony in the same Federal court by George E. Cruitt, superintendent of the Greyhound bus terminal in Birmingham. Mr. Cruitt said Bobby Kennedy called him personally on the telephone and discussed the difficulty Mr. Cruitt was having getting a driver to continue the agitators' trouble-marked bus ride southward from Birmingham to Montgomery.

Bobby Kennedy, according to this sworn testimony, pointedly acted as a virtual "travel agent" for the agitators, laying down an implied ultimatum to Mr. Cruitt to see that the agitators were driven on.

Mr. Cruitt quoted Bobby Kennedy as saying this to him on the telephone: "You better get in touch with Mr. Greyhound or whoever he is and get an answer to this problem. The Government is going to be very upset if this group doesn't continue its trip. We suggest you get a driver."

Mr. Cruitt said Bobby Kennedy suggested the bus line hire a Negro driver for the run.

Bobby Kennedy, according to Mr. Cruitt's testimony, further commented: "We have gone to a lot of trouble to see they make this trip and I'm most concerned about it."

This testimony makes it appear that the blame for the trouble in Alabama must be shared not only by the agitators and by the violent, law-breaking mobsters but by the Kennedy sponsors in Washington.

This is part of what many people in the South voted for last November.

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Everything is so much more simple for government authorities these days; instead of solving problems, they subsidize them.

—George Davis

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# *Feed-Grain Featherbedding*

From the Indianapolis News

Once upon a time, self-reliant and provident Hoosier farmers annually bought their own privately-underwritten insurance against crop damage.

Things have changed since Washington took agriculture into protective custody.

This year, thousands of Indiana farmers will get free government cash for not farming the water-logged acres they have been unable to plant to corn.

They don't have to worry. It's all part of the Kennedy Administration's new "feed grain" program. Indiana corn growers are expected to "harvest" between $42 and $50 million shortly in these federal handouts, which apply to any acres not farmed, whether too late for planting or not.

When labor featherbeds, the employer pays. For this "feed grain" featherbedding, you, Mr. Taxpayer, do the paying.

## Congressman Becker's Taped Interview—$8

Frank J. Becker, veteran Republican Congressman from New York's 3rd District—Long Island's Nassau County—is the guest on this week's CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW. Mr. Becker, a staunch conservative, discusses the vital role of the House Armed Services Committee and analyzes the New Frontier's housing program.

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# JFK's 'Press Packet'

From "Battle Line"

President Kennedy insisted during his campaign for the Presidency that the United States Government needed to have more and better propaganda abroad. Now we know what he meant.

The following excerpts are from a "Press Packet" made available by the United States Embassy in Ottawa to the Canadian News media at the time of the Kennedy visit there. Canadians are still talking of "the most startling feature of the President's visit," the "glorification" of the President, Mrs. Kennedy and Pierre Salinger.

MRS. KENNEDY

In the advance publicity-packet distributed by the US Embassy, the President is described in such terms as "the foremost personality on the American scene" and "a glamorous political figure."

Jacqueline Kennedy is termed "a young woman lovely to look at, dressed with individuality and flair, and *totally different from any traditional image of the President's wife.*"

Pierre Salinger was officially described as "a dynamo who resembles tireless competence in motion—a jaunty chunk of man whose affable manner covers a steel trap mind—*precocious since childhood, Salinger is accustomed to out-distancing his contemporaries.*"

So now we know what John F. Kennedy meant by needed publicity abroad. This material was made available by Egbert (now Edward) R. Murrow. At long last we discover what he is doing at USIA to help the badly sagging American image abroad. We suspect, but in view of his censorship cannot prove, that Pierre Salinger may have had a hand in these productions.

Members of a Canadian newspaper chain commented that Canadian taxpayers would howl if their money went for such publicity about the Prime Minister, his wife and press secretary. Canadian newsmen expressed indignation that Salinger kept a cigar in his mouth while addressing them.

So the New Frontier advances a puff at a time.

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A surprise in connection with the John Birch Society developed recently when a group of ultra liberals in Congress joined in writing a letter to members of the Rules Committee protesting the proposed investigation of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society.

—William H. Avery (R.-Kan.)

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The White House brain trust, with an average age of 37, has had great experience in producing theory. It will be interesting to watch them try the new experience of putting theory into practice while the taxpayer looks at the price tag.

—Congressman Charles S. Gubser (R.-Calif.)

# Where Your Taxes Go

By Congressman H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa)

The Independent Offices appropriation bill, calling for approximately $8.4 billion as it was approved by the House, carried funds for two projects that are shocking in their ramifications.

One of these is the so-called jet-age airport being built exclusively with federal funds at Chantilly, Virginia, near Washington. When the bureaucrats first came to Congress seeking approval of this airport, it was stated that the cost would be $84.9 million and it would be operational on July 1, 1961.

Now, some three years later, and with $85 million expended, Congress is told that the completed cost will be $175 million, or more than double the original estimate. Moreover, Congress is now told that it will be another 18 months before the airport is operating.

While admitting that the weather was bad for construction in the Washington area last winter, that cannot possibly account for any substantial part of the huge difference in cost. More importantly, there is no explanation for the "internal trouble" which a Federal Aviation Agency witness testified had beset the project. Nevertheless, the House obediently voted another $26 million, despite the failure to adequately explain who and what was responsible for the failure to stay within the spending limits on the basis of which the project was first "sold" to Congress.

In the same bill there was an appropriation of $25,000,000 for the acquisition of sites and planning for federal buildings which had not even been considered by the House Public Works Committee, which is responsible for screening such requests as to necessity, location, and so forth. Nothing can be more irresponsible than making available $25,000,000 without planning and justification for such spending. I was able to knock that 25 million out of the bill.

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# *A Proposal to Tax Co-ops*

By Congressman Noah M. Mason (R.-Ill.)

H. R. 3550, a bill which the writer introduced in this Congress, would require cooperatives to pay Federal taxes on all earnings before dividing their income among their members. The argument in favor of the bill is briefly as follows:

Co-ops are a giant business. Some 101 marketing and farmer supply co-ops do more than $20 billion annual gross volume. They can escape Federal taxes by allocating earnings to members on the books, while withholding the cash. Their members do not have to pay Federal taxes on this income until they get the cash. This bill, if passed, would close this tax loophole by making co-ops pay taxes on their income before dividing it among their members. It would add several hundred million dollars yearly to Federal tax collections.

Perhaps the need for more revenue will bring about some action on the part of the new Administration.



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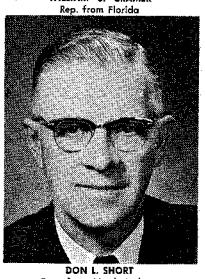
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# Acquire the 'Do-It-Yourself' Habit

By Senator Strom Thurmond (D.-S.C.)

DISILLUSIONMENT with the trend toward centralization of power in Washington is wide-spread. People are increasingly alarmed at the control and regulation by the National Government of more and more aspects of their everyday lives and activities. Probably the most often asked question in my mail is: "What can I, as an individual, do to stop the growth of power in Washington and the growing inroads on my freedom?"

There are almost 180 million people in the US, and when considered from the standpoint of the impact which one individual could have on national policy, a lone person, or even a small group, appears powerless. The cornerstone of our Republic is local self-government; but how is an individual to preserve it against the awesome power already amassed in the Nation's Capital?

The best way to protect local self-government is to exercise it. If you have a problem, first try to solve it yourself as an individual; and if that isn't possible, seek a solution through cooperative effort of individuals, without bringing any level of government into the picture. If government action is essential, turn first to the lowest level of government —town, city or county. Only as a last resort should solutions be sought through the agency of the State, and above all, don't drop your problem in the lap of the National Government, unless your problem falls clearly within one of the specifically delegated powers in the Constitution.

**Long ago, in a day of a much wiser and more judicial Supreme Court, a decision, Wickard v. Filburn (1942), included this practical observation: "It is hardly a lack of due process for government to regulate that which it subsidizes." The moral is that if you get money from Washington, you get control along with it.**

The power concentrated in the National Government didn't just happen. It piled up there as a result of the money poured out on demand of many, many people, who found it an easier way than solving their own problems. Also, pressure groups find it easier to push one button in Washington rather than 50 in the States. The same demand continues today, still in the name of the people, if not actually by them.

For example, the US Conference of Mayors met in Washington last month. The news article reporting the meeting was entitled "Mayors Ask Broad Federal Aid." The report stated the Mayors, with only two voices raised in dissent, "urged more federal help from the whole spectrum of urban concerns, including juvenile delinquency." Among other things, they indorsed the creation of a new Executive Department for Urban Affairs.

Such action by Mayors is an admission that cities, the unit of government most local in character, cannot or will not meet and solve their own problems and provide their own services. How can we expect local self-government to survive if the chief executives of the most local governments loudly proclaim the insufficiency of local self-government?

The reinstitution and reinvigoration of local self-government should begin at home. Because our nation is constituted as a Republic, the individual can do something about the shift of power to Washington by working in his own community. There he has friends and neighbors whom he can alert and enlist for support. An individual can demand that city problems be solved by the city.

Nothing is gained by money flowing back from Washington, for before it flows back, more of it must flow up to Washington from the local communities. Much is lost, however, from money flowing back from Washington, for the power to control flows up to Washington with the money but never returns.

If you are one of those disturbed by the amount of power which the National Government exercises over your life and conduct, you can halt the trend by joining in the move to "do it yourself." And while you're at it, make sure your local elected officials—city, county and State—abide by the same rule and don't turn to Washington, hand outstretched, palm upward.

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# Inflation Eases the Path of Communism

By Howard Buffett

Twenty years ago Germany attacked Soviet Russia. The war in Europe was moving East, away from us. But immediately our government furnished lend-lease war material to the Communist Government, and maneuvers to get us into the war were intensified in Washington. Six months later we were at war as Russia's ally.

But we were warned against it in June, 1941. Speaking over a nationwide hookup on June 29 of that year, ex-President Herbert Hoover declared:

". . . . If we go further and join the war and win, then we have won for Stalin the grip of communism on Russia, the enslavement of nations, and more opportunity for it to extend in the world . . . ."

That was Hoover's prophecy. When we entered World War II, communism controlled one country, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). What has happened since?

Sixteen nations in Europe and Asia now have governments which are for or aligned with the Hammer and Sickle of the USSR. Here they are:

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| **Albania** | **Estonia** | **Outer Mongolia** |
| **Bulgaria** | **Hungary** | **Poland** |
| **Communist China** | **Latvia** | **Romania** |
| **Czechoslovakia** | **Lithuania** | **Tibet** |
| **East Germany** | **North Korea** | **Yugoslavia** |
| | **North Vietnam** | |

This list includes only lands where the Communist victory is generally conceded. Some informed observers would include other nations. In any event, these 16 countries, plus the USSR, include almost one-third of the population of the world, and almost one-fourth of its land surface.

Never in recorded history has any movement spread its power so far and so fast as has communism in the last two decades. How was it done?

The facts are not pleasant to review. A large part of the territorial gains for communism were paid for by American blood, tears, and treasure. Most lands in Eastern Europe are Communist as a result of American might—misdirected.

However, final victory for the Communists in many of the conquered lands was via the route of internal subversion and the creation of intolerable economic conditions.

What were the intolerable economic conditions? The answer can be given in one word, INFLATION.

Reporting on his experience in Hungary in 1946, *Saturday Evening Post* writer Demaree Bess declared:

*". . . the Russians had unleashed the wildest currency inflation on record . . . .*

*"That wild inflation was aimed at certain groups of Hungarians as deliberately as guns aimed in battles. It wiped out the savings of the country's most solid citizens, the thrifty and hard-working middle class . . ."*

—*Silent Weapon of the Cold War*—Oct. 18, 1958

The foregoing two sentences are worth re-reading, for they tell the story of inflation wherever it takes place. "The thrifty and hard-working middle class" are its first victims. The same kind of internal subversion has been going on in America, albeit at a much slower rate—at least up to now.

But getting back to the expansion of communism, what were the tactics used in China, communism's greatest victory in terms of population and land area?

You may have read that the Red Chinese won in 1948 because Chiang Kai-shek was cut off from American supplies, while Mao Tse-tung had access to huge Russian US lend-lease stocks. But that's only part of the story.

For here again irredeemable printing press money played a vital part. In another passage in *Silent Weapon of the Cold War*, Demaree Bess reports:

"When Red Armies entered Shanghai, they were openly greeted by the Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce in the belief that they could not possibly be more dangerous to business interests than Chiang's inflation had been.

"Those Americans, like their Chinese counterparts, soon discovered how wrong they were. But then it was too late . . . ."

Will America discover "too late" that the creeping inflation promoted in Washington for over 20 years will do to our country what it has done to other countries?

Will we learn that over-emphasis on military build-up, so enthusiastically promoted in Washington, constitutes an economic overload that serves the long-range objectives of the Communists?

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Before you dismiss this question, consider a circumstance reminiscent of Herbert Hoover's prophecy 20 years ago. In 1952, General Douglas MacArthur, the one American leader who had proven himself competent to deal with the Communists, spoke up. And, his words, like those of ex-President Hoover, have been disregarded, and the situation has steadily worsened. What did he say?

"One thing we must clearly understand is that the very course on which we are now embarked carries within itself grave risks to our own survival.

"THE EXHAUSTIVE EFFORT TO BUILD OUR OWN MILITARY POWER AND SUPPLEMENT THAT OF OTHER FREE NATIONS, HOWEVER JUSTIFIED, IS PROBABLY MORE OR LESS IN ACCORD WITH SOVIET PLANNING. (Capitals mine—H.B.)

"For just as we expend our resources to build military strength, we progressively reduce ourselves to economic weakness, with a consequent growing vulnerability to the internal stresses and strains manipulated by Communists and their agents in our midst . . . .

"Our leaders must throw off the complacent belief that the only threat to our survival is from without. All freedoms lost since war's end have been the result of internal pressure rather than external assault."

—*Revitalizing A Nation*—Douglas MacArthur, 1952

Of the 16 nations that have gone into the Communist orbit since World War II, internal subversion of one kind or another played an important part in every case.

Yet Washington is proceeding on the assumption that military defense is everything, and internal subversion is a small and minor danger. This judgment may sound harsh. But what other conclusion is possible from a realistic appraisal of the facts?

OUR MILITARY expenditures have expanded far beyond those which caused General MacArthur to speak in such a solemn fashion. New expenditures, both military and civilian, are by means of the creation of irredeemable paper money and bonds, being authorized to the tune of x-billions of dollars.

These inflationary policies are certainly not causing anyone in the Kremlin to lose sleep. But they are causing deep concern to millions of Americans who have read enough history to know what inflation does to freedom, morality, and individual opportunity.

President Kennedy has told us to ask ourselves what we can do for our country. Of course, he knows that as citizens we are in a subordinate position. He has the duty and power to enforce the constitutional provisions that can save us from the perils of inflation and militarism. Certainly most all Americans will support him when and if he does so. To restore our strength to cope with the dangers within and without that threaten our future, the following constructive *actions*, while not all-embracing, would bring a surge of confidence and courage to the country equal to the confidence and courage it would take the President to translate them into action:

- Restoration of a redeemable currency, so that those who set aside savings for their old age can have a well-founded confidence that they possess a storehouse of value.

- Implementation of the historic Monroe Doctrine.

- A restoration of allegiance to the American principle that appointive public officials be held accountable for their failures—to the extent that important mistakes be followed by dismissal.

- A non-partisan commission with appropriate powers to end abnormal income at taxpayers' expense for persons and corporations chosen for defense contracts.

- Wherever new weapons have made military installations and programs obsolete, energetic elimination of the unneeded facilities and expense.

This program is not a cure-all; no program can be. But it would go far towards eliminating many causes of internal stress that lead to a collapse of national morale. It meets the communistic attack, heading in the areas of human activity where communism has been initiating its victories. It would make America impregnable against many of the tactics communism has used in its 16 victories.


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